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SACRAMENTO — Reversing three vetoes earlier this year, Gov. Deukmejian yesterday signed last-minute legislation that provides nearly \$2 million for Eastbay parks — including \$1 million to buy Fremont's Wool Ranch.

Deukmejian approved a so-called "Christmas tree" bill by Sen. Dan McCorquodale, D-San Jose, awarding special appropriations to dozens of park projects around the state.

McCorquodale amended the appropriations into a pending bill on Sept. 10, just one day before

the Legislature adjourned for the year.

Offering no explanation for his change of heart, Deukmejian signed three Eastbay appropriations which he had vetoed during state budget cuts in July.

They are the \$1 million appropriation to purchase at least a portion of the 1,300-acre Wool Ranch property on Mission Peak in Fremont; \$490,000 to the City of Oakland for the continued restoration of the Peralta Hacienda Historical Park; and \$102,000 to the City of Piedmont for the refurbishing of the Linda Playfield.

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a \$2.4 million Wool Ranch appropriation and all but \$50,000 of a proposed \$690,000 Peralta Hacienda grant. The \$150,000 which was kept in the budget was instead diverted to keep the Oakland Zoo open. Deukmejian also vetoed the \$102,000 Linda Playfield project at that time.

The newly approved legislation also includes appropriations for seven small park projects in the area represented by Assemblyman Bill Baker, R-Danville, the politically powerful vice chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and a close Deukmejian ally.

They are \$50,000 for Shannon Park and \$50,-

000 for East Dougherty Hills Park in Dublin; \$25,000 for the Athan Downs project in San Ramon; \$50,000 for Augustin Bernal Community Park, \$80,000 for a Senior Park master plan and \$50,000 for McKinley Park in Pleasanton; and \$50,000 for baseball recreation facilities in Danville.

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Oakland Museum gets grant for aquatic biology display

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SACRAMENTO — Legislation offering the Oakland Museum \$250,000 to create a long-sought display on California rivers and streams has been signed by Gov. Deukmejian.

The grant for the museum is included in a \$6.2 million state park project bill by Assemblyman Willie Brown, D-San Francisco, signed by the governor late Wednesday.

The Brown bill also includes a second, \$360,000 state grant to help East Bay Regional Park District buy the Wool Ranch property on Mission Peak in Fremont. A similar \$1 million Wool Ranch appropriation was included in a bill signed by the governor Tuesday.

Museum spokesman Phil Mumma said that for several years money has been sought to finance the addition of an aquatic biology display in the Hall of California Ecology.

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Like the Wool Ranch grant, money for the museum project was vetoed out of the state budget earlier this year by Deukmejian.

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The current developer, Portside Properties, is the third one to make a go of the project. The past developer, "Penultimo," Page B-1

an. The funds were reinstated in the closing days of the 1987 legislative session as part of a compromise negotiated between both political parties in the Legislature and the governor's office.

In the park projects bill signed by the governor Tuesday, nearly \$2 million will be spent on East-bay parks.

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Estate Development Corp., Salomon Brothers Real Estate and Gallagher contains that would be hesitant to provide it.

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